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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I am currently interested in improving pretrained language models by continually pretraining them [C1, C2], injecting specific knowledge into them [P1], deleting specific knowledge from them [P2], and making them follow the given instructions [W1, P3, P4].

## EDUCATION

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### M.S. & Ph.D. (Integrated) in Artificial Intelligence

Seoul, Korea

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

March 2021 – Present

Graduate School of AI | [Language & Knowledge Lab](#)

Advisor: [Minjoon Seo](#)

### B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Seoul, Korea

Korea University

March 2017 – February 2021

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Preprints

[P4] Retrieval of Soft Prompt Enhances Zero-shot Task Generalization

Seonghyeon Ye, **Joel Jang**, Doyoung Kim, Yongrae Jo, Minjoon Seo

To Be Submitted to ACL 2023 [[paper](#)][[code](#)]

[P3] Guess the Instruction! Making Language Models Stronger Zero-shot Learners

Seonghyeon Ye, Doyoung Kim, **Joel Jang**, Joongbo Shin, Minjoon Seo

Submitted ICLR 2023 [[paper](#)][[code](#)]

[P2] Knowledge Unlearning for Mitigating Privacy Risks in Language Models

**Joel Jang**, Dongkeun Yoon, Sohee Yang, Sungmin Cha, Moontae Lee, Lajanugen Logeswaran, Minjoon Seo

Submitted to ICLR 2023 [[paper](#)][[code](#)]

[P1] Prompt Injection: Parameterization of Fixed Inputs

Eunbi Choi, Yongrae Jo, **Joel Jang**, Minjoon Seo

Submitted to ICLR 2023, [[paper](#)][[code](#)]

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

[C2] TemporalWiki: A Lifelong Benchmark for Training and Evaluation Ever-Evolving Language Models

**Joel Jang**<sup>\*</sup>, Seonghyeon Ye<sup>\*</sup>, Changho Lee, Sohee Yang, Joongbo Shin, Janghoon Han, Gyeonghun Kim, Minjoon Seo

EMNLP 2022 (*poster*) [[paper](#)][[code](#)]

[C1] Towards Continual Knowledge Learning of Language Models

**Joel Jang**, Seonghyeon Ye, Sohee Yang, Joongbo Shin, Janghoon Han, Gyeonghun Kim, Stanley Jungkyu Choi, Minjoon Seo

ICLR 2022 (*poster*) [[paper](#)] [[code](#)]

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Workshop Papers

[W1] Can Language Models Truly Follow Your Instructions? Case-study with Negated Prompts

**Joel Jang**<sup>\*</sup>, Seonghyeon Ye<sup>\*</sup>, Minjoon Seo

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Papers

[J2] Sequential Targeting: A Continual Learning Approach for Data Imbalance in Text Classification

**Joel Jang**, Yoonjeon Kim, Kyoungcho Choi, Sungho Suh

Expert Systems With Applications (2021) [[paper](#)] [[code](#)]

[J1] Supervised Health Stage Prediction Using Convolution Neural Networks for Bearing Wear

Sungho Suh, **Joel Jang**, Seungjae Won, Mayank S. Jha, Yong Oh Lee

Sensors (2020) [[paper](#)] [[code](#)]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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[WIP5] Generating the Rationale through Intermediate Instructions Amplifies the Emergent Reasoning Capabilities of Large Language Models

Seungone Kim, Hyungjoo Chae, SeJune Joo, Doyoung Kim, **Joel Jang**, Yongho Song, Jinyoung Yeo

Targeting ACL 2023

[WIP4] Do you remember me? Conversation Injection for Continually Learning Chit-chat Agent

Eunbi Choi, Joonwon Jang, **Joel Jang**, Minjoon Seo

Targeting ACL 2023

[WIP3] Why doesn't your prompt work?

Sohee Yang, Jonghyeon Kim, **Joel Jang**, Seonghyeon Ye, Hyunji Lee, Sangwoo Lee, Minjoon Seo

Targeting ACL 2023

[WIP2] Retrieval of Experts for Zero-shot Task Generalization

**Joel Jang**, Seungone Kim, Seonghyeon Ye, Kyungjae Lee, Moontae Lee, Minjoon Seo

Targeting ACL 2023

[WIP1] Gradient Ascent Makes Better Language Models

**Joel Jang**, Dongkeun Yoon, Sungdong Kim, Minjoon Seo

Targeting ACL 2023

## EXPERIENCES

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### LG AI Research

Seoul, Korea | Ann Arbor, Michigan (US)

Research Intern (Mentors : [Moontae Lee](#), [Lajanugen Logeswaran](#), [Honglak Lee](#) )

July 2022 – Present

Working on (1) unlearning for LMs and (2) instruction following LMs that can continually learn new tasks, and (3) leveraging capabilities of LLMs for embodied agents.

### Kakao Brain

Seongnam, Korea

Research Intern (Mentor : [Ildoo Kim](#) )

December 2020 – February 2021

Worked on large-scaled representation learning with weakly supervision of images and caption data using TPUs.

### NAVER Corp. | Media Tech Group

Seongnam, Korea

Software Engineer Intern

July 2020 – September 2020

Worked on hate speech detection model, AI Clean Bot 2.0 (40+ million monthly users, >80% of Korean population)

Developed novel method of handling data imbalance using continual learning (*paper published under ESWA*)

### Korea Institute of Science and Technology European Research Centre

Saarbrücken, Germany

Research Intern (Mentor : [Yong Oh Lee](#) )

August 2019 – January 2020

Worked on anomaly detection & remaining useful life prediction of machinery (*paper published under Sensors*)

Gave an Oral Presentation at *PHM Korea 2020* (2020. 07. 23)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Grand Prize in Graduation Capstone Competition (Best Paper Award), 2020 (*Advisor*: [Jaewoo Kang](#))

4<sup>th</sup> place, AI NLP Challenge Eniple Cup, 2020

3<sup>rd</sup> place, HAAFOR Challenge 2019

Future Global Leader Scholarships, Korea University, 2019

Best Innovation Award, Intel AI Drone Hackathon, 2018

## SERVICES

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### Conference Reviewer

*COLING 2022, EMNLP 2022, AKBC 2022, ICLR 2023*

### Journal Reviewer

*Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)*

## TEACHING

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(KAIST AI599) AI for Law

*Teaching Assistant (TA)*

*Fall 2022*

(KAIST AI605) Deep Learning for NLP

*Teaching Assistant (TA)*

*Spring 2022*

## INVITED TALKS

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Temporal Adaptation of Language Models

*Korean AI Association Summer NLP Session (Host: Minjoon Seo)*

*August 2022*

Temporal Adaptation of Language Models

*KAIST School of Computing (Host: Alice Oh)*

*July 2022*

Temporal Adaptation of Language Models

*Hyperconnect (Host: Buru Chang)*

*May 2022*

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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Coding

Tensorflow, Pytorch, Huggingface, Pytorch-Lightning, Deepspeed, Wandb

Others

Large-scale models, Multi-node parallel training, Spot VM instances, Amazon Mechanical Turk

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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Bilingual in English (2004-2016 in US) and Korean (*native*)

GRE: 326 (Verbal, 157/170, 76<sup>th</sup> Percentile) | Quant, 169/170, 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile | Writing, 5.0/6.0, 92<sup>nd</sup> Percentile)

TOEFL: 119/120 (Reading, 30 | Listening, 30 | Speaking, 29 | Writing, 30)

SAT: 1530/1600 (Reading and Writing, 730 | Math, 800)

Conversational in Chinese